

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
LUFKIN DIVISION**

STATE OF TEXAS,
by and through its Attorney General, Ken
Paxton; and W&T OFFSHORE, INC.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DONALD J. TRUMP, in his official capacity as
President of the United States,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 9:25-cv-10

JOINT CONFERENCE REPORT

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Come Now the Parties in the present lawsuit and present this Joint Conference Report in the above-entitled and numbered cause, respectfully showing the following:

1. Legal Synopsis

On January 20, 2025, Plaintiffs State of Texas and W&T Offshore, Inc., filed suit against President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., in his official capacity as President of the United States, challenging a January 6, 2025 Presidential Memorandum, withdrawal of specific areas of the United States Outer Continental Shelf (“OCS”) from oil or gas leasing. ECF No. 1. Plaintiffs allege that the Presidential Memorandum at issue goes outside the scope and authority granted under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act.

Donald J. Trump, in his official capacity as President of the United States, filed an answer to the lawsuit on March 31, 2025. ECF No. 5.

Friends of the Earth, Healthy Gulf, Oceana, and Turtle Island Restoration Network (“Intervenors”) filed an opposed Motion to Intervene on April 28, 2025. ECF No. 8.

The Court, by Order dated June 18, 2025, granted the Intervenor's Motion. Since that date, the Parties have exchanged Initial Disclosures and anticipate that the matters may be tried by legal argument as a matter of law.

2. Jurisdictional Basis for Suit

Plaintiffs contend this Court has subject-matter jurisdiction over this case because it arises under the laws of the United States. See 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1346, 1361. An actual controversy exists between the parties within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 2201(a), and this Court may grant declaratory relief, injunctive relief, and other relief under 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201–02 and its inherent equitable powers. Intervenor's and Defendants reserve the right to challenge jurisdiction as to one or more of Plaintiffs' claims.

3. Related Cases

A case challenging the same withdrawal, and another withdrawal of areas of the OCS off the coast of Alaska, was brought by the State of Louisiana, several other states, the American Petroleum Institute, and the Gulf Energy Alliance in the Western District of Louisiana. *See* Compl., *Louisiana v. Trump*, No. 2:25-cv-71 (W.D. La. Jan. 17, 2025), ECF No. 1. In addition, several environmental groups, including some of the groups who have intervened in this case, sued in the District of Alaska challenging President Trump's rescission of President Biden's withdrawals. *See* Compl., *N. Alaska Env'tl. Ctr. v. Trump*, No. 3:25-cv-38 (D. Alaska Feb. 19, 2025), ECF No. 1 ("NAEC Compl.").

4. Initial Disclosures

The Parties have served Initial Disclosures as directed by the Court. In providing disclosures, Intervenor's objected that this case does not require discovery because the claims are purely legal and the relevant facts are contained in publicly available documents. Plaintiffs have represented that additional discovery may prove unnecessary: They have not yet identified

additional requests for discovery, and they may not have any. Defendants do not anticipate seeking discovery, but reserve the right to do so, if necessary. Accordingly, the Parties agree that Intervenor preserve their objection to discovery, but that they will not raise it unless it becomes necessary if Plaintiffs or Defendant seek additional discovery per the schedule in Section 4, below. The Parties further agree that if discovery does occur, it would be limited to requests for production and requests for admission. There will be a limit of ten requests for production.

5. Proposed Scheduling Deadlines

No expert designations are anticipated.

No new parties are anticipated.

No amended pleadings are anticipated.

No depositions are anticipated.

No final trial is anticipated; all Parties anticipate the matter may be terminated by dispositive motion. Two sets of motions are anticipated: (1) Intervenor intend to raise threshold issues in a motion for judgment on pleadings under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(c); (2) The parties will file staggered cross-motions for summary judgment.

The Parties, after conference on July 24, 2025, propose the following deadlines:

August 13, 2025	Deadline for Motions to Transfer.
August 25, 2025	Deadline for Intervenor to file any motion for judgment on the pleadings under Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(c).
September 5, 2025	Deadline to serve any additional discovery requests, which the Parties agree are limited to requests for production and requests for admission.
October 10, 2025	Deadline for Plaintiffs or Defendant to file any response to Intervenor's motion for judgment on the pleadings.
October 24, 2025	Deadline for Intervenor to file any reply in support of their motion for judgment on the pleadings.
October 24, 2025	Deadline to reply to any additional discovery requests, assuming any objections are resolved.

October 24, 2025	End of discovery period, assuming any objections are resolved.
November 14, 2025	Deadline for Plaintiffs' Motion for Summary Judgment.
January 9, 2026	Deadline for Defendant's Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion and Defendant's Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment.
January 16, 2026	Deadline for Intervenor's Opposition to Plaintiffs' Motion and Intervenor's Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment
February 2, 2026	Deadline for Plaintiffs to file any Reply in support of their Motion and Opposition to Defendant and Defendant-Intervenor's Cross-Motions for Summary Judgment.
February 27, 2026	Deadline for Defendant to file any Reply in Support of its Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment.
March 6, 2026	Deadline for Intervenor to file any Reply in Support of their Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment.

Dated: July 31, 2025.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing document was filed electronically (via CM/ECF) on July 31, 2025 and that all counsel of record were served by CM/ECF.

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